

City of Concord Weekly City Manager Newsletter

December 20, 2013

HOLIDAY TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Curbside trash and recycling collection for Christmas week will run as follows:

- Monday's and Tuesday's route will run on schedule;
- Wednesday's route will be collected on Thursday;
- Thursday's route will be collected on Friday; and
- Friday's route will be collected on Saturday.



The Recycling & Transfer Station will be closing at noon on Tuesday, December 24th, will be closed on Christmas Day, and will re-open at 8:00 AM on Thursday, December 26th.

SAND LOCATIONS FOR CITY RESIDENTS

The General Services Department maintains piles of salt and sand mixture at the following locations for use by Concord/Penacook residents:

- Recycling & Transfer Station, 77 Old Turnpike Road Monday through Saturday, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Wastewater Treatment Plant, 125 Hall Street Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM 3:30 PM.
- <u>Manor Dump, Abbott Road, Penacook</u> No specific hours.



PARKS & RECREATION TO OFFER EXPANDED HOURS

Beginning on Monday, January 6th, the Parks and Recreation Office located at the new Heights Community Center (former Dame School) will stay open later on weekdays and will be open on Saturdays. The office will be open the following hours during the school year:

Monday:8:00 AM - 4:30 PMTuesday:8:00 AM - 7:30 PMWednesday:8:00 AM - 7:30 PMThursday:8:00 AM - 7:30 PMFriday:8:00 AM - 7:30 PMSaturday:9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sunday: Closed

MVHS FIRE STATION PHOTO PROJECT

Merrimack Valley High School photography students in Ms. Erin Fitzgerald's class visit the Manor Fire Station every semester and use the objects in the station as subjects for their artistic work. The students' photos can be found at www.concordnh.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=289. Many thanks to Captain Jeff Stone for coordinating these visits and for his support of this program and the Department's Explorer Program.



In observance of Christmas Day, City offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 25th.

PROPERTY TAXES



Property owners are reminded that third quarter property tax payments are due on Thursday, January 2, 2014. The Tax Collector's Office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, with extended hours until 6:00 PM on Thursdays.

SEWALLS FALLS BRIDGE PROJECT



The Sewalls Falls Bridge Project has a new website with the latest news and information, project schedules, documents, and photos. As the final design continues, project notices and documents will be made available for viewing. The website is at www.sewallsfallsbridge.com.



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NHWPCA PRESIDENT KRISTIN NOEL ENDS TERM



Noel, Laboratory Kristin Technician from the Hall Street Wastewater Treatment Facility, gave her final speech as President of the NH Water Pollution Control Association (NHWPCA) at the recent 2013 Annual Business Meeting for Wastewater Professionals. Kristin was awarded with a plaque for Outstanding Service and Dedication to the Association, along with a gift card and a NHWPCA briefcase. Kristin will continue on the board for one more year as a "past president".

CONCORD LIBRARY SCHOOL VACATION ACTIVITES

Castaway Challenge
Thursday, 12/26 @ 3:30 PM
Castaway items will be used to invent toys.

Movie: Super Buddies Friday, 12/27 @ 2:30 PM

An ordinary day at Fernfield Farms turns extraordinary when Budderball, Mudbud, B -Dawg, Buddha and Rosebud discover mysterious rings that grant them each a unique super power. Rated G; 130 minutes.

CHRISTMAS IS IN THE AIR AT CONCORD HUMAN SERVICES

Christmas spirit abounds at the Concord Human Services Department. Our pantry shelves have been replenished with food and hygiene items as a result of the City Employee Food Drive. Our appreciation begins with Sandi Lee of the Library, who organizes the food drive each year, and is extended to the many helpers and employees who so generously contributed. We want to give a special thanks to Deb Marcotte (Fire), Paul Garland (Parking), Don Mathews (Finance), and Sandi Lee's son Ben Jarvis for delivering these donations to the Human Services Department. We are able to help out many people due to the generosity of our co-workers. We also want to acknowledge and thank the Capitol Region Food Program and Temple Beth Jacob for providing food to the Department each month.

The spirit of giving does not stop with food. The Department now looks more like Santa's workshop as Christmas gifts for the children on our list fill every nook and cranny. In addition to the colorful bags and boxes of gifts, others have donated gift cards or money to help out. We will use this to help families with teens and infants, as there are always fewer donations for these age groups. The good news is that more than 75 children will wake up on Christmas morning to gifts that would not have been there without this generosity.



We want to thank our co-workers from Collections, Finance, the City Clerk's Office, Guy Newbery and the Fire Officers Union Local 3195, and John and Carrie Duval for sponsoring children on our list. We also want to thank the Legal Advice and Referral Center, Jenny Luciano and her co-workers from Irving Oil, and Colleen Barbarita and her daughter Sophie. In addition, the generous employees from Health Trust have once again sponsored 10 children from our list. Thanks to Kathy Hollins of Health Trust for organizing this large project each year. Many of these thoughtful people have been helping children at Christmas for years and we are so grateful that they have chosen to partner with us.

Our thanks also go out to Arthur Aznive and his family who generously donate money for children at Christmas; to Mike Mills, Hester Campbell, and Robert Murdoch who donated gift cards; to the Unitarian Church Benevolent Association who gave us a donation to be used for the teens on our list; to Sanel Auto Parts who collected donations from employees and customers so we could complete our wish lists; and last, but not least, to Lissa Salvatore of Building and Code Services who helped to sort and fill bags.

This is an amazing display of goodness and generosity and we are so very grateful for such thoughtfulness from so many.